

Poultry Production Summary, 2000 By Pamela K. Baker

The combined value of Pennsylvania's poultry production from broilers, eggs and turkeys, plus the value of chicken sales in 2000, was \$644.0 million, a 2 percent increase from 1999. Of the combined total, 44 percent was from egg production, 37 percent from broiler production, 18 percent from turkey production, and less than 1 percent was from the sale of other chickens.

Inventory of all chickens, excluding broilers, on December 1, 2000, was 30.6 million. Hens and pullets of laying age numbered 24.2 million, 6 percent above the previous year. Hens and pullets of laying age included 9.4 million hens one year old and over and 14.8 million pullets of laying age. Pullets not of laying age totaled 6.4 million on December 1. Pullets not of laying age included 3.8 million pullets, 3 months old and older, and 2.6 million under 3 months of age. Other chickens numbered 85,000. Total value of chicken inventory on December 1, 2000, was \$49.0 million. Pennsylvania ranked 3rd in the United States for all chicken inventory on December 1, 2000.

Pennsylvania laying flocks produced 6.31 billion eggs from December 1, 1999, through November 30, 2000, up 3 percent from the previous year. Total value of egg production based on an average price received by producers during the year of 55.0 cents per dozen for all eggs was \$287.2 million, up 4 percent from the previous year. An average of 23.3 million hens in Commonwealth flocks laid an average of 271 eggs each during the year. Pennsylvania ranked 3rd in egg production in 2000.

Broiler production from December 1, 1999, through November 30, 2000, was valued at \$242,620,000, down 7

percent from 1999. A total of 133.3 million broilers were produced during the year.

Average live weight of broilers produced was 5.2 pounds per bird, for a total production of 693,200,000 pounds. The average price received per pound for live broilers was 35.0 cents. Pennsylvania ranked 15th in number of broilers produced in 2000.

Turkey producers raised 9.3 million poult during 2000, compared with 9.8 million produced in 1999. Producers received an average of 45.0 cents per pound live weight for turkeys in 2000. Total value of turkey production from December 1, 1999, through November 30, 2000, was \$113.8 million. Pennsylvania ranked 9th in number of turkeys produced in 2000.

Commercial hatcheries hatched nearly 150.9 million broiler-type chicks during 2000, down less than 1 percent from the previous year. Egg-type chicks hatched totaled 64.1 million for 2000, slightly less than in 1999. Pennsylvania ranked 2nd in egg-type chickens hatched and 12th in broiler-type chicks hatched.

Data in the following tables result from voluntary responses from Pennsylvania poultry producers and agri-businesses. Primary surveys used for these tables include the Weekly & Monthly Hatchery Reports, Monthly Turkey Hatchery Report, Monthly Chicken & Egg Survey, and Annual Turkeys Raised Inquiry. Additional data are obtained from Quarterly Agriculture Surveys and Acreage & Livestock Surveys conducted throughout 2000.

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